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MANAGUA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN

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SUBJECT: FACIO CRITICIZES U.S. ON VIETNAM POSITION AT UN;
LAUDS SUGAR TAX ELIMINATION

1. IN DECLARATIONS CARRIED IN PRO GOVERNMENT EXCELSIOR
SEPTEMBER 17, FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO STATED COSTA
RICAN DISACCORD WITH U.S. DECISION TO VETO VIETNAM ENTRANCE
INTO UNITED NATIONS. FACIO QUOTED: "VETO IS CONTRARY TO
PRINCIPAL OF UNIVERSALITY THAT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED IN THIS
ORGANIZATION; LAST YEAR COSTA RICA VOTED IN FAVOR OF ENTRANCE
OF TWO VIETNAMS, AND WITH MORE REASON WE SUPPORT ENTRANCE NOW
THAT VIETNAM IS ONE COUNTRY."

2. RE SUGAR FACIO IS QUOTED: "THANKS TO OPPORTUNE EFFORTS
OF COSTA RICA, WE WILL NOT SUFFER THE DIFFICULTY OF THE NEW
HIKE IN SUGAR TAXES BY THE U.S." ARTICLE STATES THAT
DURING FACIO'S LAST TRIP TO NEW YORK HE TALKED TO USG
OFFICIALS ABOUT SUGAR TARIFF ELIMINATION FOR COSTA RICA.
HE POINTED OUT THAT COSTA RICA NO LONGER PAYS TAXES ON
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SUGAR EXPORTED TO U.S., AND THAT MOREOVER THE U.S. WILL

BE RETURNING TO COSTA RICA MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH
OF TAXES ALREADY CHARGED.

3. COMMENT: FACIO'S SUGAR COMMENTS, COUCHED IN TERMS OF
A GOCR DIPLOMATIC VICTORY, ARE UNDERSTANDABLE IN THE WAKE
OF COSTA RICAN FAILURE TO ACHIEVE INCREASE IN MEAT QUOTA.
FACIO'S VIETNAM REMARKS REFLECT STANDARD VIEWS OF GOCR ON UN
MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA. BECAUSE THEY ARE FRESH IN THE MINDS
OF THE MEDIA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN WILL PROBABLY
BE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE SUBJECTS DURING HIS PRESS
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